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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING
TRENCHES

Docket No.: OKI 361

**RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

April 19, 2004

Mail Stop Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated April 1, 2004, Applicant elects the embodiment of species I, as shown in Figures 1A through 3, for examination. Claims 1 and 4-9, read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 1A through 3. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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